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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 57.010, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to qualifications for sheriffs.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 57.010, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 57.010, to read as follows:

57.010. 1. At the general election to be held in 1948, and at each general election held every four years thereafter, the voters in every county in this state shall elect some suitable person sheriff. No person shall be eligible for the office of sheriff who has been convicted of a felony. Such person shall be a resident taxpayer and elector of [said] the county, shall have resided in [said] the county for more than one whole year next before filing for [said] such office, shall hold a valid peace officer license under chapter 590, and shall be a person capable of efficient law enforcement. When any person shall be elected sheriff, such person shall enter upon the discharge of the duties of such person's office as chief law enforcement officer of that county on the first day of January next succeeding [said] such election.

- 2. Beginning January 1, 2003, any sheriff who does not hold a valid peace officer license pursuant to chapter 590 shall refrain from personally executing any of the police powers of the office of sheriff, including but not limited to participation in the activities of arrest, detention, vehicular pursuit, search and interrogation. Nothing in this section shall prevent any sheriff from administering the execution of police powers through duly commissioned deputy sheriffs. This subsection shall not apply[:
- 16 (1) During the first twelve months of the first term of office of any sheriff who is eligible 17 to become licensed as a peace officer and who intends to become so licensed within twelve

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

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18 months after taking office, except this subdivision shall not be effective beginning January 1,

- 19 2010; or
- 20 (2)] to the sheriff of any city not within a county [of the first classification with a charter
- 21 form of government with a population over nine hundred thousand].

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